

SENATE OF YORK UNIVERSITY

SYNOPSIS OF THE MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 22, 2011

**At its 577th meeting held on September 22, 2011
the Senate of York University:**

Heard remarks from the Chair of Senate, Professor Susan Dimock, on

- a Senate orientation held prior to the business meeting
- major items on the Senate agenda for the coming year
- upcoming convocation ceremonies, which Senators were encouraged to attend
- protocols for distributing material intended for Senators

Heard President Shoukri on

- a recent Town Hall meeting at which the President and Vice-President fielded questions from the community
- notable achievements by faculty, students and alumni
- his participation in orientation events for the incoming class
- honorary degree recipients for Fall 2011 convocation ceremonies
- major infrastructure projects, including the completion of Osgoode Hall renovations, the imminent opening of the Life Sciences building, provincial funding for a new Engineering facility, and the subway
- the importance of focusing on the UAP / Provostial White Paper theme of quality
- the need for all members of the community to help correct faulty impressions of the University
- the public policy context for postsecondary education, especially as the provincial election campaign nears the end
- the appointment of Robert Haché as Vice-President Research & Innovation and Jeffrey O'Hagan as Vice-President Advancement
- funding challenges facing York and the university system

Received, under the auspices of the President, a report from Provost Monahan on faculty appointments, the grade point average of entering students, and an update on the PRASE initiative

Received a report from the Academic Colleague, Professor Leslie Sanders, on major issues under discussion at the Council of Ontario Universities

Approved, as recommended by the Academic Policy, Planning and Research Committee

- the establishment of a Glendon Language Training Centre for Studies in French / Centre de formation linguistique de Glendon pour les Études en français at Glendon, and the transmittal of a recommendation to the Board of Governors

Received a report from Senate Executive conveying information about the following

- action taken under summer authority
- vacancies on non-designated Senate committees
- additions to the pool of prospective honorary degree recipients
- approval of individuals nominated by Councils to serve on Senate committees

Approved, as recommended by the Committee on Academic Standards, Curriculum and Pedagogy

- the granting of degrees, certificates and diplomas at the Fall 2011 to Spring 2012 Convocations and the forwarding of recommendations for certification by the Faculty of Education to the Ontario College of Teachers

Received an information report from the Committee on Academic Standards, Curriculum and Pedagogy on action taken under summer authority

Received, under the auspices of ASCP, a report from Vice-Provost Lenton, on modifications to curriculum approval proposals and cyclical reviews of graduate and undergraduate programs, and the posting of templates for curriculum development on the YUQAP webpage

**Senate's 578th meeting will be held at 3:00 p.m. on October 27, 2011
in the Senate Chamber, N940 Ross Bldg.**

The complete text of the minutes, when approved, is posted on the University Secretariat Web site.

For further information on any of these items please contact the University Secretariat.